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SUBJ: US-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON ENERGY R&D

SUMMARY: FONOFF INTENDS BE POINT OF COORDINATION IN ENERGY R&D AGREEMENT AND EXPECTS OTHER AGENCIES' CONCURRENCE IN EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL SUMMARIES. GOJ WILL NOT BE ABLE CONCLUDE AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR GOVERNOR LOVE'S VISIT BECAUSE INTER-AGENCY CONSIDERATION HAS NOT PROCEEDED FAR ENOUGH. COUNTER-PROPOSAL WILL BE PRESENTED BY GOJ IN NEAR FUTURE.

1. ECON/COUNS CALLED ON NAKAMURA, DEPUTY HEAD OF FONOFF'S INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES DIVISION (IN ABSENCE OF DIVISION HEAD OYAKE), SEPT. 19 TO CONVEY DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSES (REFTEL) TO FONOFF QUESTIONS ON ENERGY R&D AGREEMENT AND TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR EARLY SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT.

2. NAKAMURA MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(A) RE POINT OF COORDINATION, FONOFF FIRMLY INTENDS TO MAINTAIN CONTROL WITHIN GOJ. ALTHOUGH PROPOSED AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN

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SUBJECT OF FORMAL INTER-AGENCY REVIEW, FONOFF HAS RECEIVED IN-

DICATIONS OF CONCURRENCE TO PREDOMINANT ROLE BY FONOFF FROM OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES. WHEN ECON/COUNS STRESSED US VIEW THAT SUBSIDIARY TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE NGOTIATED AND ADMINISTERED BY APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL AGENCIES, NAKAMURA SAID THAT FONOFF ALSO INTENDED TO BE INVOLVED IN THOS ACTIVITIES.

(B) FONOFF EXPECTS US SUGGESTION FOR EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL SUMMARIES WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER GOJ AGENCIES, BUT IT WILL CONFIRM THIS AT NEXT WEEK'S INTER-AGENCY MEETING.

(C) IN RESPONSE TO ECON/COUNS STATEMENT THAT OCTOBER 7-9 VISIT OF GOVERNOR LOVE WOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE OCCASION FOR SIGNING ENERGY R#D AGREEMENT, NAKAMURA EXPRESSED DOUBTS GOJ COULD MOVE THAT FAST. IN FURTHER CONVERSATION SEPT. 20 WITH OYAKE, LATTER TOLD ECON/COUNS THAT GOJ STILL HAD TO GO THROUGH SEVERAL STEPS WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE FINAL APPROVAL BY EARLY OCTOBER.

3. ACCORDING TO OYAKE AND NAKAMURA, SCENARIO IS THAT FORMAL INTER-AGENCY MEETING, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 20 TO CONSIDER US DRAFT, WILL BE HELD SOME TIME WEEK OF SEPT. 24. AMONG PROBLEMS TO BE CONSIDERED THERE ARE POINT OF COORDINATION AND ISSUE RAISED WITHIN GOJ (NOT SPECIFIED BY WHOM) AS TO WHETHER SCOPE OF PROPOSED AREAS OF COOPERATION CITED IN US DRAFT TOO NARROW. FONOFF WILL THEN PRESENT COUNTER-DRAFT TO US, WHICH WILL CONTAIN QTE MODEST UNQTE NUMBER OF PROPOSED CHANGES (INCLUDING DELETION OF ARTICLE IV). AFTER US AND GOJ AGENCIES AGREE, FONOFF MUST OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM CABINET.

R. OYAKE ASSURED ECON/COUNS THAT ENERGY R&D AGREEMENT WAS AT TOP OF HIS LIST OF PRIORITIES.
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